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SUBJECT: GOP SUPPORT FOR MINORITY DEVELOPMENT

1. SPEADKING JUNE 22 AT SIXTEENTH ANNIVERSARY OF
FORMATION OF COMMISSION ON NATIONAL INTEGRATION (CNI),
PRESIDENT MARCOS REITERATED CONCERN OF HIS ADMINISTRATION
FOR FULL DEVELOPMENT OF ALL CULTURAN MINORITIES IN THE
PHILIPPINES, PARTICULARLY MUSLIMS IN MINDANAO AND
SULU. HIS RELAXED, RAMBLING SPEECH WAS PUNCTUATED
BY APPLAUSE FROM AUDIENCE OF SOME 2,000 CNI OFFICIALS,
EMPLOYEES AND MINORITY REPRESENTATIVES. MARCOS
DESCRIBED GOVERNMENT EFFORTS AIMED AT (A) ALLOCATING
OUTSIDE RESOURCES TO MINDANAO AND SULU TO EXPAND
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, (B) DIRECTING CENTRAL BANK TO
ESTABLISH BANKS TO BE OWNED AND OPERATED BY MUSLIMS IN
ORDER EXPAND CREDIT AND AREAS, (C) DOUBLING NUMBER OF
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MIMORITY SCHOLARSHIPS TO 4,000 (D) STUDYING MUSLIM
RELIGIOUS CUSTOMS AND LAWS AS BASIS FOR LEGAL CODE,
AND (E) DEVELOPING SCENIC AND HISTORIC SPOTS IN MINDANAO
AND SULU AS TURIST ATTRACTION.

2. REFERRING TO PRESENT PROBLEMS ARISING FROM MOSLEM
CONFLICT IN SOUTH, MARCOS EMPHATICALLY REAFFIRMED HIS
POLICY OF PEACEFUL RECONCILIATION, STATING " I HEREBY
DECLARE THAT THE SOLUTION IS NOT MILITARY. THE GOVERN-
MENT WILL LOOK FOR OTHER SOLUTIONS." HE ALSO CITED
IN THIS CONNECTION THE EXTENSION OF HIS AMNESTY PROGRAM
AND THE OFFER OF OPPORTUNITIES TO RIGHT INJUSTICES.

3. COMMENT: WHILE EFFORTS TO IMPLEMENT THIS PROGRAM
WILL PROBABLY LAG BEHIND EXPRESSION OF INTENTIONS, IT
IS SIGNIFICANT, DESPITE REPORTS THAT CERTAIN MILITARY
ELEMENTS ADVOCATE MILITARY SOLUTION OF MUSLIM CONFLICT,
PRESIDENT MARCOS HAS AGAIN COMMITTED HIMSELF PUBLICLY
TO A NON- MILITARY SOLUTION AND HAS REPEATED PROMISES OF
MASSIVE ECONOMIC RESOURCES FOR AFFECTED AREAS.

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